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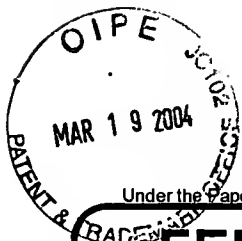
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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |          |
| 1201         | 84       | 2201         | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |          |
| 1203         | 280      | 2203         | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |          |
| 1204         | 84       | 2204         | 42       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |          |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |          |

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| 1052         | 50       | 2052         | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053         | 130      | 1053         | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812         | 2,520    | 1812         | 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1804         | 920*     | 1804         | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805         | 1,840*   | 1805         | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251         | 110      | 2251         | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 1252         | 410      | 2252         | 205      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 1253         | 930      | 2253         | 465      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 1254         | 1,450    | 2254         | 725      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    | 475.00   |
| 1255         | 1,970    | 2255         | 985      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 1401         | 320      | 2401         | 160      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 1402         | 320      | 2402         | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403         | 280      | 2403         | 140      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 1451         | 1,510    | 1451         | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 1452         | 110      | 2452         | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 1453         | 1,300    | 2453         | 650      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
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| 1503         | 630      | 2503         | 315      | Plant issue fee  |          |
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| 1809         | 750      | 2809         | 375      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))                |          |
| 1810         | 750      | 2810         | 375      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))             |          |
| 1801         | 750      | 2801         | 375      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    | 385.00   |
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